

dents going to university in order to become wheat farmers or hard rock miners. If they are to have the kinds of jobs that they are looking for as designers, engineers or computer operators, and are to have them in the west, then we have to industrialize.

Mr. Speaker, I have pointed out where we have done well and have tried to point out where we have not done well. Now, let me point out a few places where I think we should decentralize. According to the figures that I have, 91 per cent of our industrial research grants are given in Ontario and Quebec. Other research and development expenditures on behalf of the federal government, are 90 per cent in Ontario and Quebec. That leaves something under 10 per cent for the other eight provinces. I do not say that it is easy to move these research grants, but I think it is essential that we try to achieve an appropriate balance.

• (1650)

**Mr. Stewart (Marquette):** Is the minister one of the western separatists the Prime Minister talks about?

**Mr. Richardson:** I am one of the people who can, hopefully, prevent the west from separating, because I want to get an equal deal for us.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Paproski:** Just a minute, please. We had no intention of separating in the first place. We do not want to separate. We have a pretty good deal going right now. Perhaps you people, in Winnipeg, want to separate.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Order.

**Mr. Richardson:** Mr. Speaker, I will move on to other subjects that I feel strongly about. I want to speak about wider national participation in the area of my own department. I refer to defence procurement. We will be involved in the purchase of a long range surveillance aircraft, and the figure publicly used now in connection with that purchase is \$600 million. This is to be a major national purchase and, understandably, what we are saying to the manufacturers of these aircraft is this: "If we are going to buy your aircraft, whether they are made in Europe or the United States, we want a maximum amount of Canadian content. We want a maximum of Canadian industrial benefit." That is really all that Canada has ever said so far. But, we are now saying to those manufacturers: "We want Canadian content industrially; but not only that we also want to know where the industrial benefit is to take place in Canada." My main message is that national purchases of this kind, national projects, national endeavours, must bring nationwide industrial benefit. That is where we have failed so far. I see an opportunity, in the wording used in the Speech from the Throne, to achieve that objective.

Another area in which we should bring about such nationwide benefit is in the area of the short landing and take-off aircraft. Here is a national project. This is not being undertaken by private industry; it is being subsidized. The federal government is putting millions of dollars into that program. We are building the airframes in Toronto and the engines in Montreal. I do not object

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because, as I say, it is a national project, but national projects must bring nationwide benefits, otherwise we are not a nation in the sense that I should like to see it.

**Mr. MacLean:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Richardson:** My time is nearly finished. I have talked on these subjects frequently, Mr. Speaker, but I talk with more confidence now, after the election of October 30. These are the kinds of things I said during the election campaign and I had the good fortune to have my constituents give me a larger majority than they did in 1968.

**Mr. Paproski:** That is because you are a great guy, Jim. There are not many like you left in western Canada.

**Mr. Richardson:** What I am now saying does not reflect only my own view; it reflects the view of many others. I now have the endorsement of a large number of western Canadians who are my constituents in Winnipeg South.

**Mr. Paproski:** I am glad the minister mentioned constituents, instead of members in cabinet.

**Mr. Richardson:** The other items on this important conference agenda are transportation, regionally based financial institutions and northern development. Each one of those could form the subject of another speech. I will not begin speaking about them now. But I will conclude at this point by saying that I have been talking in a regional sense, because the statement in the Speech from the Throne concerned a regional conference. I would not be a member of this House, and I do not believe other members would be here, if we did not all wish to see a stronger and better Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Richardson:** I do not apologize to anyone for describing what I believe to be necessary to build a stronger west. I believe that it is strong parts that make a strong total. In the final analysis it is only strong regions that will enable us to build an even stronger country.

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

### SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Norfolk-Haldimand (Mr. Knowles)—Public Works—Floods—Assistance to people with property on north shore of Lake Erie damaged by high water level; the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Knight)—Transport—Inquiry as to action to prevent closing of railway stations in western Canada; the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser)—Transport—Airport—Vancouver International—Runway expansion—